

A Picture of Jesus 1 Cor 11:24-26

It is wonderful to look at family pictures. Of great grandmothers & Great Grandfathers that have past away. Even picture of famous people from history. There are no pictures. Oh I know you can go down to your local bookstore and buy a picture of Jesus. But that's not his likeness. Need to be careful in this image driven world, getting fourth a picture and calling it Jesus. There is only one picture one snapshot of Jesus in the bible, no not any

illustration or a drawing of him but a picture a symbol of Him and that picture of Christ is the table before us here

I. It is a picture for us to remember Christ. Christ is the bread of life.

In 6:35 Jesus said I am the bread of life he that cometh to me shall never hunger. This bread we take tonight is bread not mixed w/ leaven. Jesus compares leaven to sin.

Jesus lived a life w/o sin. Untainted by the fall of adam. We see him in the fruit of the vine. Jesus said in Jn 15:1 I am the true vine. The source of all sustenance in life. This fruit of the

Christ is the one that brings joy to our hearts by his company and by his gift of eternal life. Also in this Lord's supper. It is a picture of the Redemption that is in Christ. As we grind this bread in our teeth we should be reminded of the agonies his body suffered the lashes the beating, the thorns the nails the cross. As we swallow this bread remember it is by his gruesome death that we are partakers. 1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. The juice reminds us particularly of his blood. Sacrificial blood, blood that satisfying to God's holiness blood that is substituted for all who believe.

III. It is a picture of the Return of Christ. Mk 14 Verily I say unto you I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God. We look forward in this hour to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The 1000 year celebration of the union of Christ and his bride. We see his coming return for us in the picture tonight. At this time I would like the men to come to serve the bread...